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## Scaring Seniors Again TAX RELIEF WON'T FORCE MEDICARE CUTS

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- The President falsely asserts that our tax relief measure would force huge cuts in Medicare and other important programs.
- These attacks are blatant scare tactics. Here are the facts:
  - There are no Medicare cuts in the Republican budget –
     but the President's budget proposes more than \$20 billion in Medicare cuts over the next decade.
  - Our tax cuts are intended to return the non-Social Security portion of the surplus to the American people. They will not trigger even one dollar's worth of automatic spending cuts in Medicare or any other program.
  - We have made clear that should the President sign our tax relief legislation, we will take steps to change outdated budget rules to ensure that no automatic cuts occur in Medicare or any other important programs.
- Why does the President really oppose tax relief? Because his budget priorities call for almost a trillion dollars in new spending over the next 10 years!

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